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TOPIC Airfield of WARSZAW-BERNEROWO, Poland

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REMARKS

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1. The WARSZAW-BERNEROWO (R 53/P 99) airfield, under construction since the fall of 1946, was under the Five-Year-Plan, to be established as a military airfield. Capt. SIGMUNDOVY was in charge of construction work. More officers and civilian construction engineers were assigned to him. Most of the surveying work was done by Herman HOLZ, a German PW and surveying expert. Soviets appeared only for inspection. Excavation work was first done by hand. A scraper of US make arrived in 1947. Three locomotives to pull the narrow-gauge field RR lorries were put into operation in November 1948. About a hundred concrete mixers, cement, gravel, sand, broken stones, and macadam had been hauled to the field. The airfield was 10,000x14,500 feet. The installations were in the following condition on 11 February 1949:

a. North-south runway:

Scheduled length: 5,600 feet

Scheduled width: 250 feet

Work accomplished: 4,000 feet of subgrade plus drainage facilities laid

Concreting: was to be completed by the end of 1949.

b. East-west runway:

Scheduled length: 7,600 feet

Scheduled width: 265 feet

Work accomplished: 5,800 feet of foundation excavated (so that the laying of drainage pipes could be started).

c. Diagonal runway:

Scheduled length: 10,000 feet

Scheduled width: 350 feet

Work accomplished: Surveying and staking out.

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1. Hangars (all in the standard size of about 100 x 265 feet). Two hangars about 1,600 feet east of the north-south runway: Completed as bare brick structures. One hangar near Bona Fort: Completed except for the roof truss. One hangar near the diagonal runway: Almost completed.

c. Quarters: Four-multi-story blocks and three garages near the barracks: Completed. One cantonment near Bona Fort: Completed. The barracks were occupied by three hundred pilot students who received infantry training. The following unserviceable aircraft for use in training were parked at the barracks yard:

Three Pe-3s.

One IL-2s.

Two acrobobras.

Three Yak-3s.

2. The small tool factory in the airfield was to be torn down. A railroad track led to the eastern airfield section. Electric current was supplied by an overhead line coming from BILLY (A 55/P 93).

3. About a thousand civilians in a Polish labor service battalion which was quartered south of the Fort, and 250 German Pws worked at the field in the summer of 1943. A Polish Army construction battalion was engaged almost exclusively in guard and supervision duty.

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